

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 10 with the following:

The lock cylinder shown in Figures 1.1a-2.3a comprises a cylinder housing 10.3 with a bearing bore 11 for a cylinder core 20.3. The cylinder core 20.3 has a group of diametric shafts 23.3, arranged in a row, one behind the other, in each of which one of four different plate-shaped tumblers 31.3-34.3 ~~31.3-34.4~~ is held. The longitudinal plate edges 30.1, 30.2, which are profiled in a particular way here as can be seen in Figure 2.2a, are guided along appropriate guide surfaces 21, 22 of the shaft 23.3, these guide surfaces being located on the inner, narrow sides of the shaft 31.3. Each of the shafts 23.3 is provided in the conventional manner with an expansion 24 as can be seen in Figure 2.3a, in which a compression spring 15.3 is located. One end of the compression spring 15.3 is supported against an end surface 25 of the expansion 24, whereas the opposite end grips a projection 35, which extends outward from the longitudinal plate edge 30.1 present there and into the expansion 24 of the shaft. As a result, the tumblers 31.3-34.3 are spring-loaded in the direction indicated by the force arrow 13.3.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 5 with the following:

The tumblers 31.3-34.3 have control edges 41.3-44.3, which can be at four different heights with respect to the height center line of the associated tumbler 31.3-34.3. In Figure 1.1a, the control edge 41.3 is located at a first step height. The control edge 42.3 ~~42.2~~ in Figure 1.3a is at a second step height, whereas the control edge 43.3 in Figure 1.2a is at a third step height. Finally, the control edge 44.3 of Figure 2.1a is at a fourth step height. The control edges 41.3-44.3 ~~41.3-44.4~~ in the present exemplary embodiment are located on a tongue 69, which projects into a window 70 in the associated tumbler 31.3-34.3, as can be seen in Figures 2.1a. The edge of the tongue 69 which serves as the control edge 41.3-44.3 ~~41.3-44.4~~ is that which faces in the direction of the spring-loading 13.3.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 21 with the following:

As previously mentioned, a comb, the appearance of which can best be seen in Figure 3, is also used in the second exemplary

embodiment. In this case, the corresponding reference numbers are used to designate analogous parts, with the difference that here most of the numbers are followed by ".4". Only the differences need to be discussed. The preceding description applies to all else, while the cylinder core 20.4 also has a shaft 23.4, as shown in Figure 4.4a ~~4.3a~~, and, as shown in Figure 4.1a ~~1a~~, the closing is spring loaded by a pressure spring 15.4 in the direction of the force arrow 13.4.